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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Patrick Coleman et al.

Application No.: 09/515,014

Filed: February 29, 2000

For: SYNTHETIC ANTIGEN FOR THE
DETECTION OF ANTIBODIES
IMMUNOREACTIVE WITH HIV
VIRUS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly amend the specification as follows:

- ✓ At page 4, line 15, please delete "acid" and replace with -- acids --.
- ✓ At page 6, line 10, please delete "residue" and replace with -- residues --.
- ✓ At page 8, line 16, please delete "[".
- ✓ At page 18, line 15, please delete the first occurrence of "all".
- ✓ On page 23, line 3, kindly delete "HIV-1" and insert therefor --HIV-2--.

AMENDMENT
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